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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the allocation of limited capacity in the existing Campo municipal water and sewerage systems. The policy establishes criteria for the issuance of water use permits, sewer capacity commitments, and wastewater discharge permits for proposed development within the Campo Water and Sewer Maintenance District.

Background

The County owns and operates the water and sewerage systems in the District. The District is comprised of two zones: Zone A and Zone B. Zone A serves existing public and private development and Zone B provides service for the Campo Hills residential subdivision that will ultimately include 222 single-family dwelling units. A single sewerage system, comprised of collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal facilities, serves both Zones A and B. Separate independent water supply and treatment systems provide water service for each of the two zones.

This allocation policy addresses future system connections within the District. Connections to the existing water and sewerage systems from future proposed developments outside of the District boundary will not be allowed.

Public facilities within the District include County Probation, Public Works, Sheriff, and General Services Departments, and the U.S. Border Patrol. In addition to the public facilities, approximately 45 private customers and the Campo Hills subdivision receive water and/or sewer service from the municipal systems.

Several of these essential public facilities are likely to expand in future years. According to staff analysis, based on current planning estimates, projected expansion of public facilities within the District will result in additional demands on the water and sewer systems of approximately 54 EDUs.

The estimated excess capacity for the water system is 53 EDUs and for the sewer system is 41 EDUs. The excess capacity of the water and sewerage systems is based on water production and wastewater flow records, permitted facility capacities, and projected future flow rates based on standard unit water demand and wastewater generation rates. There is no capacity for connections for new development without compromising important public facilities.

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Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

- 1. Excess capacity in the Campo water and sewer systems is limited and will be reserved for planned expansion of public facilities, including County departments, service areas, and special districts, and State and Federal Agencies. Capacity in the systems will also be reserved for existing parcels with failing septic systems documented by the Department of Environmental Health.
- 2. Project Facility Availability Forms for water and sewer and Sewer Capacity Commitments will not be issued for new private development within the Campo Water and Sewer Maintenance District.
- 3. Except as provided in subparagraph 4, new connections to the Campo water and sewer systems for privately owned structures are prohibited. Parcels located within the Campo Hills development (Zone B) and parcels that were previously issued valid Project Facility Availability Forms indicating service is available are exempt from this provision.
- 4. New connections to the municipal sewer system of existing parcels with failing septic systems will be allowed when required by the Department of Environmental Health.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by December 7, 2011.

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1. Department of Public Works